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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. SUMMER ISSUES

The American Art News will, as usual, during the summer, appear MONTHLY until Saturday, October 12, when the weekly issues will be

The remaining summer MONTHLY issue will be published on Saturday September 14.

EXHIBITIONS

Calendar of New York Exhibitions. See Page 2.

IN THE GALLERIES. New York.

Blakeslee Gallery, 358 Fifth Avenue—Early English, Italian and Flemish paintings. Julius Böhler, 34 West 54 St.—Works of art. Old paintings. Bonaventure Galleries, 5 East 35th Street—

Rare books and fine bindings, old engravings and art objects. Choice paintings.
Canessa Gallery, 479 Fifth Avenue—Antique works of art.

C. J. Charles, 718 Fifth Avenue-Works of Cottier Galleries, 3 East 40th Street-Rep-

resentative paintings, art objects and decorations.

C. J. Dearden, 7 East 41 St.—Old chairs. Durand-Ruel Galleries, 5 West 36th Street —Ancient and modern paintings.

Duveen Brothers, 302 Fifth Avenue—Works

Ehrich Galleries, 463 Fifth Avenue—Permanent exhibition of Old Masters.

V. G. Fischer Gallery, 467 Fifth Avenue—Selected old masters.

The Folsom Galleries, 396 Fifth Avenue-

Selected paintings and art objects. P. W. French & Co., 6 East 56 St.—Rare antique tapestries, furniture, embroideries, art objects. Gimpel and Wildenstein Galleries, 636 Fifth

Avenue-High-class old paintings and works of art.

J. & S. Goldschmidt, 580 Fifth Avenue—Old

works of art. E. M. Hodgkins, 630 Fifth Ave.-Works of

art. Drawings and pictures. Katz Galleries, 103 West 74 St.—Paintings, engravings, etchings and framing. Special agents for Rookwood potteries.

Kelekian Galleries, 709 Fifth Avenue—Vel-

vets, brocades, embroideries, rugs, potteries and antique jewelry. Kleinberger Galleries, 12 West 40th St.-

Old Masters. Knoedler Galleries, 556 Fifth Avenue— Paintings of Dutch and Barbizon Schools, and early English mezzo-tints and sport-

and early English mezzo-units and spotsing prints.

Kouchakji Frères, 7 East 41 St.—Rakka, Persian and Babylonian pottery, rugs.

Macbeth Galleries, 450 Fifth Avenue—Paintings by American artists.

Montross Gallery, 550 Fifth Avenue—Selected American paintings. Early Chinese

Moulton & Ricketts, 12 West 45 St.—American and foreign paintings. Original etchings.

Murray Hill Art Galleries, 176 Madison
Ave.—Old Masters of all the schools.

Frank Partridge, 741 Fifth Ave.—Antique

furniture. Chinese porcelains. Louis Ralston, 567 Fifth Avenue — High

class paintings by early English and Barbizon masters. Henry Reinhardt, 565 Fifth Avenue-Old

and modern paintings.
Scott & Fowles, 590 Fifth Avenue—High-class examples of the Barbizon, Dutch

and early English schools.
Seligmann & Co., 7 West 36th Street—Genuine Works of Art.

Steinmeyer & Sons, 34 West 54 St.-High-

class old paintings. Arthur Tooth & Sons, 537 Fifth Avenue-Carefully selected paintings by Dutch and Barbizon artists.

H. Van Slochem, 477 Fifth Avenue-Old H. O. Watson & Co., 16 W. 30 St.-Works

or art. Period furniture. Yamanaka & Co., 254 Fifth Avenue-Things Japanese and Chinese.

Boston.

Vose Galleries-Early English and modern paintings (Foreign and American).

Chicago.

Moulton & Ricketts-American and foreign paintings. Original etchings.

Henry Reinhardt-Old and modern paint-Albert Roullier-Rare oringinal etchings.

AMSTERDAM. Frederik Muller & Co.-Special exhibition . of Old Masters.

Germany.

Julius Bohler, Munich-Works of art. Highclass old paintings.
Galerie Heinemann, Munich—High-class paintings of German, Old English and Barbizon Schools.

J. & S. Goldschmidt, Frankfort—High-class

antiquities. G. von Mallmann Galleries, Berlin-High-

class old paintings and drawings.

Dr. Jacob Hirsch, Munich—Greek and Roman antiquities and numismatics.

London.

& D. Colnaghi & Obach-Paintings, drawings and engravings by old masters.

Gutekunst—Original engravings and

E. M. Hodgkins-Works of art. Knoedler Galleries—Paintings of Dutch and Barbizon Schools, and early English mezzotints and sporting prints. Netherlands Gallery-Old masters.

A REMBRANDT DISPUTE

"Old Woman Plucking a Fowl" Questioned

European art circles by his announcement in the June "Burlington Magathoroughly and at their leisure several weeks before the sale and they both prorine" that the picture, "Old Woman Plucking a Fowl," was not an authen-brandt painted about 1648-1650." ric work by Rembrandt. The canvas was bought by M. F. Kleinberger at the recent Levaigneur sale in Paris for \$106,000 (including commission), and before the sale it was highly praised by Dr. Bode, who also guaranteed its authenticity and promised to include it in the supplement to his great work on Rembrandt. The picture has since

Dr. Bredius caused a sensation in Hofstede de Groot, had both had an op-

on Rembrandt. The picture has since its purchase been cleaned by Prof Hauser of Berlin, and it is now agreed by dealers and others that, had the canvas been cleaned before the sale, it would undoubtedly have brought \$200,-000, and Mr. Kleinberger is universally complimented on his good judgment in







(After Cleaning)

(Before Cleaning)

Wm. B. Paterson-Early Chinese and Per- the purchase. THE AMERICAN ART ground has come out clearly, with a window wm. B. Paterson—Early Chinese and Persian pottery and paintings. Selected pictures by Old Masters.

Persian Art Gallery, Ltd.—Miniatures, MS., bronzes, textiles, pottery, etc.

Sabin Galleries—Pictures, engravings, rare

the purchase. The American Art Mersian Pottery and painting below two views of this painting—before and after cleaning.

In a letter in the August "Burling—the repainting was at least 150 years old and had already been ton Magazine," replying to Dr. Bre
"The following is a sketch of its bistory."

Sabin Galleries-Pictures, engravings, rare

books, autographs, etc. Sackville Gallery-Old Masters. Shepherd Bros .- Pictures by the early Brit-

ish masters. Arthur Tooth & Sons-Carefully selected paintings by Dutch and Barbizon artists.

Paris. Charles Brunner-High-class pictures by the Old Masters.

Canessa Galleries-Antique art works. Durand-Ruel Galleries-Ancient and Modern paintings.

Dr. Jacob Hirsch-Greek and Roman antiquities and numismatics. Hamburger Frères-Works of art.

Kelekian Galleries-Potteries, rugs, embroideries, antique jewelry, etc.

Knoedler Galleries—Paintings of Dutch and Barbizon Schools, and early English mezzotints and sporting prints.

dius, M. F. Kleinberger says in part as

Kleinberger Galleries-Old Masters. Kouchakji Freres-Rakka, Persian and

Babylonian pottery. Henry Reinhardt-Old and modern paint-

Sambon-Antique, Middle Age and Renaissance Art.

Steinmeyer & Sons-High-class old paintings. Arthur Tooth & Sons—Carefully selected paintings by Dutch and Barbizon artists.

"The following is a sketch of its history, dius, M. F. Kleinberger says in part as follows:

* * "The opinion of Dr. Bredius might carry more weight with me if I knew that he had had an opportunity of making a thorough examination of the painting before the sale. Dr. Bode and Dr. works. At the death of Jan Six, in 1700, his collection was inherited by his two works. At the death of Jan Six, in 1700, his collection was inherited by his two nephews, Pieter and Willem; and it was to Willem that the "Old Woman Plucking a Fowl" passed. Willem Six died in 1733, and his collection was sold in Amsterdam on 12th May, 1734, when the "Old Woman Plucking a Fowl," one of the twenty-two pictures by Rembrandt in the collection, fetched 165 florins. The picture afterwards went to England (at what exact date is not known) and passed into the collection of the Hon. Francis Charteris (afterwards of the Hon. Francis Charteris (afterwards Earl of Wemyss) who was its owner when Houston engraved it. It is possible that

(Continued on page 2)

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL NEW YORK EXHIBITIONS.

Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Eastern Parkway—Open daily. Admis-sion Mondays and Tuesdays, 25 cents. Free on other days.

Folsom Galleries, 396 Fifth Ave.-Paintings by Americans.

Knoedler Galleries, 556 Fifth Ave.-Special summer exhibition of Americans and old and modern foreign masters.

Macbeth Gallery, 450 Fifth Ave.-Selected pictures by Americans.

Metropolitan Museum, Central Park—Open daily from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays until 10 P. M.; Sundays 1 P. M. to 5 P. M. Admission Mondays and Fridays, 25 cents. Free on other days.

Montross Gallery, 550 Fifth Ave.—Oils, watercolors and pastels by American art-

National Arts Club, 119 East 19 St.-Sum-

mer exhibition by artist members. N. Y. School of Applied Design for Women, 160 Lexington Ave.—Special Summer exhibition of paintings by Inness and Wy-

ant and others. Public Library, Fifth Ave.—Two special exhibitions in the Print Rooms.

CHICAGO.

Through the generosity of Messrs. The year has been, as nearly as we Charles L. Hutchinson, Martin A. Ry-can state to our readers, absolutely Cormick and others, the Art Institute largest sale that has ever been seen: cated them here only briefly-will unis holding an exhibition of important The Doucet collection which resulted dergo but small change during the paintings from their private collections. in the remarkable and record total of course of the next season. However, The canvases have been selected with \$3,054,981. As well as can be seen by the amateurs while kneeling to the discrimination and include examples of the table compiled and printed below, grand productions of the past of French the English, Dutch, French, Barbizon, other sensational totals have been reagenius will open their eyes upon the art etc., Schools.

ST. LOUIS.

exhibition of paintings owned in this with \$788,806. The different Dollius which present themselves in a definite city opened recently at the City Art sales were extremely interesting to col-Museum. The development of art appreciation in St. Louis has been signification in St. Louis has been significant of their composition. Each in cant, and it is anticipated that this sec- turn paintings and objects of art of the

with the Museum officers, and among extreme Orient were dispersed, making those who sent their paintings to the exhibition are Messrs. W. K. Bixby, Adolphus Busch, Joseph Kocian, Theophile Papin, Robert S. Brookings, Claude Kilpatrick, E. H. Semple, Chas. A. Stix. Edward Mallinckrodt, Dr. \$80,000. Finally the collections Penha-M. A. Goldstein, Dr. John A. James, Longa, Allain, Xaintrailles, Mohl reaand Mmes. J. G. Chapman, B. B. Gra-lized also most honorable figures. ham, Benjamin Clark and others.

ENGLISH PORTRAITS SOLD.

Important portraits of the early British school and pictures by old masters attracted a crowd of collectors and others to Christie's July 12. The high price of the day, \$35,700, was paid for Sir H. Raeburn's por-

Raeburn, "Portrait of Agnes Law," wife George Makgill of Cupar, Fife, of Capt.

N. B., \$20,475. Raeburn, "Miss Macartney," exhibited in the Guildhall in 1894, \$16,800.

Gainsborough, "Sir Paul Pechell, Bart., Lawrence, "The Countess of Surrey,"

Raeburn, "Portrait of a Lady," \$19.950. Raeburn, "Portrait of Lady Isabella Sinclair," \$14,700.

PARIS ART AUCTION SEASON CLOSES.

The Large Sales in 1911-1912.

cause of death which almost without moires. has not forgotten the summer sale a much more willingly if it were from was sold for a few louis.

now have occasion to give themselves century. The elective will be greater up to their favorite pastime; as vaca- in paintings and drawings. Our school who died Feb. 1 last, was recently aption work they may now assist at sales of 1830 is being more and more sought praised. His art collection of furniof country homes; disposing of small and brings high prices. While certain ture, art objects and paintings, apcollections in villages and provinces old masters—a Rembrandt for exam-praised as follows, includes: "Lady and if they go to the watering places ple-obtain prices higher and higher. Fullerton," by Raeburn, \$10,000; a they will find certain antiquaries who And since I mention the name of the Diazs, \$7,500; two Schrevers at \$7,500 will know how to sell them rare and prince of painters I must also mention and \$5,000 respectively, and two by inedited pieces of art.

A Unique Auction Year.

The year has been, as nearly as we of the productions by this master. ond exhibition will be largely attended. early schools, works of the 17th and Many collectors have co-operated 18th centuries, objects of art from the

Each of these collections has had its piécè of resistance. The prize belongs here also to the collection Doucet (I except the jewels of the Sultan) with an outbidding of \$120,000 for the famous pastel of "Duval de l'Epinoy," \$35,700, was paid for Sir H. Raeburn's portrait of Lord Newton. The picture shows Charles Hay of Newton, popularly known as "The Mighty," who became Lord of Session in 1806 in block death of the contract of Session in 1806, in black dress and knee which was not perhaps altogether norbreeches with white bands, wearing the crimson gown with bows as Lord of Ses-Plucking a Fowl," from the collection The next best price, \$30,450, was paid for Rembrandt's "Portrait of Adriaen, the brother of Rembrandt."

Other of Rembrandt."

of Levaigneur approaches this last with a price of \$104,500. Among others were the "Countess of Wilter".

Some General Tendencies.

More than ever-and in all its spheres-amateurs and dealers look for The Results of Principal Auction Sales Raeburn, "Portrait of Miss Janet Law," the odd piece. One does not hesitate afterward Mrs. Berry of Tayfield, Fife," to pay three or four times more than the odd piece. One does not hesitate Ruysdael, "A View on the Rhine," the customary estimates for a piece of a certain period or certain artist quite Raeburn, "Mrs. Duncan," who before her neglecting to interest himself in the marriage was Miss Catherine Melville, modern works, even authentic of the same period or artist. And this is true in all departments. An odd book such as "The Adventures of Tele-

The art auction season of 1911-1912 maque," in the collection Delessert will draws to a close. From now on, the sell at \$3,000, a single hispano-mau-Hotel Drouot, so animated recently, rsque platter at \$8,600 and a tapestry will assume that peculiar aspect of hav- belonging to the Duke D'Alba at \$60,ing only one or two of its halls open 000. But I do not wish to abuse all the where certain sales by seizure or be-examples that are in the different me-

exception offer no artistic interest. However, if all rare and unique work However, the small dealers who fre- brings always a very high price, no quent the Hotel during the summer matter from what school it is without may find exceptional occasions. One doubt also that it would be purchased few years ago when a portrait by one the 18th century. The actual style of Moulton & Ricketts Galleries, 12 West 45
St.—Etchings by Howarth, Brangwyn,
Fitton, Lumsden, and other moderns.

The amateurs, like the students, will standpoint especially—the amateurs to now go to the country. They will fortify themselves in the art of the 18th now have occasion to give themselves century. The elective will be greater that we have had this year two pictures [l'Hermitte at \$6,000 each. by Rembrandt, something most wonderful, when one considers the scarcity

It is, therefore, most probable that unique and it has brought forth the the general tendencies-I have indilized. The jewels of the Sultan brought of the masters of today. One must live \$1,396,180; the Roussel collection al- with the times. The truly enlightened most approaches it with \$1,095,127. amateur is he who, in the production The Second Annual Summer loan Then comes the Carcano collection of all periods, will recognize the works form to the admiration of posterity.

HENRI FRANTZ.

PRINCIPAL AUCTION PRICES 1911-1912

Pastels-Drawings.

Two drawings by Moreau (the younger), sale

Paintings.	
Cologne School, "The Presentation in the Temple"—Dollfus sale Lawrence, "Countess of Wilton"—Roussel sale	31,200 95,700
Fragonard, "L'Education Fail Tout"—Roussel sale Nattier, "Marquise de Vintimille"—Roussel	55,000
Sale Corot, "La Danse Sous les Arbres"—Roussel	43,000
Sale	68,200 45,100
sale Drouais, "Un Jeune Eleve"—Roussel sale Drouais, "Les Deux Petits Savoyards"—Rous- sel sale	38,500
Rembrandt, "Old Woman Plucking a Fowl"-	
Levaigneur sale	05,600
sale	59,400
sale Corot, "La Solitude"—Carcano sale	48,400
Rembrandt, "Portralt of His Sister"-Carcano	
Vigee Le Brun, "Mme, Grant"—Doucet sale	88,000
Fragonard, "Sacrifice to the Minotaur"—Dou- cet sale	79,200
sale	66,110
Tanastrias	

Sculptures.

When one casts a look upon the collections of the year past it is easy to seize upon some of the principles actuating the evolution of the curio.

More than ever—and in all its

Chinard, "Bust of Empress Josephine"—Pena-Longa sale Houdon, "Bust of Mile. Sabine"—Doucet sale at 15,200

Houdon, "Bust of Mile. Sabine"—Doucet sale at 15,200

Glodion, "L'Ivresse du Basier"—Doucet sale. 45,100

Glodion, "Two Young Women Upholding a Globe"—Doucet sale. 45,100

Glodion, "Intoxication of Wine"—Doucet sale 24,200

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n	Mme, Alain-November, 1911	6
2	Sultan Abdul Hamid—December, 19111,396, Henri Haro—December, 1911103,	1
I	Henri Haro-December, 1911	7
0	Dreux—December, 1911	9
-	Count Penha-Longa December, 1911 62,6	6
6	Dollfus (two sales) - March, 1912	5
	Mmc, Roussel—March, 1912	1
e	Dollfus-April, 1912	Ž
0	Dollfus (two sales), May, 1912	7
-	Levaigneur-May, 1912	6
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	Carcano—May, 1912	ĝ
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A REMBRANDT DISPUTE.

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Mr. Charteris acquired the picture during the grand tour on the Continent, which he made after leaving Eaton in 1739. He returned to England in 1744."

"Lord Wemyss or his heirs sold it, and it became the property of Ralph Willett, the

well-known antiquary (whose portrait was painted by Romney in 1780-2). At Mr. Willett's death his collection was sold at auction. * * * It changed hands several times, and it passed into the collection of Baron de Beaurnonville, at whose sale in 1884 the late Mme. Levagneur bought it for 14,000 fr. Since that date it has been hidden from the world. * * * For this reason Dr. Bode did not know the whereabouts of this picture when he published his great work on Rembrandt. * * * But Dr. Bode of the popular masters of the moment our houses, our halls, the numerous anstates (vol. VIII, page 162) that the original which had cost thirty thousand francs cient dwellings that we have preserved had been in the Beurnonville collections and push indistinctly—from a decorative the picture which was in the Beurnonville collection is that which is now in my pos-

The estate of late Edwin Hawley,

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WITH THE ARTISTS.

three to six o'clock.

Robert MacCameron has been made a chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

William Paxton was awarded the commission to decorate the Army and Navy Club at Washington, D. C. The commission is the result of a competiby artists from various cities. The Royat-les-Baines. winning design, submitted by Mr. Paxton, includes nine nude figures of Neptune and mermaids, which will be executed as a mural decoration, life size.

by Mr. J. Stuart Blackton to paint a there's only one Paris.' portrait of Commodore Blackton and will be the guest of his family on board his yacht early in the autumn.

C. Y. Turner, who has removed his studio to Washington, D. C., is at work on two huge historical decorations for the new Cuyahoga County Court House in Cleveland. One represents "The First Trial by Jury in America," depicting Capt. John Smith's trial by twelve compatriots soon after the arrival at Jamestown of the first band of English colonists. The other represents the conference between Chief Pontiac, of the Ottawas, and Major Rogers, of the British army, in 1760, near Cleveland.

Mrs. Johanna K. W. Hailman, of Pittsburgh, left last week for Newcastle, N. H.

AMERICAN ARTISTS ABROAD.

Alexander Harrison is at work at Brittany. Mr. Harrison is almost the doyen of the American colony in the Quarter, having lived there for thirty-three years, in the same studio in the Rue du Val de Grace most of the time.

Richard Miller is at work at Brittany. He is accompanied by his family and his sister, Viola Miller, who is also an artist. Mr. Miller's first experience as an artist was on the "Republic," in St. Louis, his native city. From the police-station at the St. Louis Four Courts, where his early assignments is a long step, but even in that early day his work won him many complimentary notices.

Douarnenez for the summer.

Myron Barlow, one of Detroit's rep- art salons. esentatives in the Paris art colony, is painting at Trepied this summer as usual. Among others who have summer trator, with Mrs. Frost and their two homes there and pass several months of sons, who live in the Boulevard du the year in the open is Mr. Henry O. Montparnasse, is passing the summer at Tanner, the painter of religious subjects, Davos-Platz. one of whose canvasses is in the Luxembourg Museum. Mr. Tanner's former home was Pittsburg.

turned after a number of months passed other cities. in the United States. Mr. Brown exhibited some of his best landscapes in

Eustace Lee Florance, of Philadelwater color.

colony of Philadelphians, is painting at Concarneau.

Florence Heywood, of Indianapolis tion in Wichita. and Paris, the art lecturer, is passing tion, for which designs were submitted the summer at the Hotel Continental,

> William McKillop, the painter, has winter in New York.

"I am a loyal American, but, do you Lillian de Severinus is at Mattituck, know, I wanted to take the first boat L. I., making sketches of scenery for a forthcoming series of "Studies of Long fessed. "New York grew more attractions of the series of Island." She has been commissioned tive the longer I remained, out-well,

at Giverny this summer, as usual.

John Noble, who recently returned I. C. Nicoll announces that his cot- phia, and his family will be at Concar- to Paris after his first home visit tage on the shore below the Ontio neau, Finistére, during the latter part (Wichita, Kan.) in twelve years, says of modern Scandinavian art under the Hotel, at Ogunquit, Me., is open to vis-tors on Saturday afternoons from anne, Mr. Florance is now devoting art, and Wichita is building a new li-Society have been completed, and the special attention to small portraits in brary, the top floor of which is to be dates are now given as follows: Ameri-Clarles Henry Fromuth, of the Paris to be used as a nucleus, and when the be shown in the Buffalo Fine Arts building has been completed he pro- Academy (Albright Gallery) from

> Estol Wilson, the Indiana miniaturist, has sent the miniature which he exhibited in this year's Salon of French artists to America. It is a beautiful porreturned to Paris after passing the trait of Miss Elizabeth Gordon Hanna, daughter of Mr. Dan R. Hanna, of Cleveland, and granddaughter of the

DABO IN LUXEMBOURG.

A Paris cable from Mr. Stephan Bourgeois, states that the French Gov-Frederick Carl Frieseke is painting ernment has purchased for the Luxembourg Museum, "Moore Park," by Leon



MOORE PARK, By Leon Dabo, Purchased by the Luxemburg Museum.

Mrs. Edna Boies Hopkins is doing Dabo, from his exhibition in Mr. used to take him, to the salons of Paris interesting work on color prints made Bourgeois' galleries. from woodcuts. A few years ago, with her husband, James R. Hopkins, the Mr. and Mrs. George Elmer Browne the Japanese wood engravers. She has and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller are at since followed the technique of the best of these artists, and her work has been Winter," by the Boston Museum. The standard and richly illustrated work on

A. B. Frost, of Philadelphia, the illus-

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Brown, of De- in April, and Mrs. Jones have gone to Gardner Symons, E. I. Couse, F. Balcatur, Ill., who have had an apartment Italy for a few weeks. Mr. Jones ex-lard Williams, William Ritschel, Ben influence and as a revelation to Scandiin "the Quarter" several years, have re- pects to paint in Rome, Florence and Foster, William Wendt, Thomas Moran navian-Americans as well as to Ameri-

Chicago and other cities and sold sev-stopped in Paris only a few days after vases. From New York the exhibition, eral of them. One was purchased by her return from America, proceeding to which will be held annually, is expect-sculptor, who has been in Chicago sev-Mr. James A. Patten, the "wheat Brittany to paint during the remainder ed to go to other cities. of the summer.

This makes the third purchase by a museum this year of this artist's work. painter, she went to Japan and made a The other purchases, as published at special study of the methods used by the time in the AMERICAN ART NEWS, were "The Rocket," by the Metropolitan Museum, and "The Hudson in works included in the exhibition, but a three canvases, it will be remembered, modern Scandinavian art. Mr. Hen-

PAINTERS OF THE FAR WEST.

by enthusiastic artist sojourners in New Tom Jones, of St. Louis, who had Mexico, Arizona and California. The been studying at Colarossi's since early charter members include A. L. Groll, such favorable auspices, promises to be and others.

The Society will hold an exhibition ern Scandinavian art. Florence Este, of Philadelphia, at the Macbeth Galleries, Nov. 16-30,

SCANDINAVIAN ART SHOW.

The arrangements for the exhibition reserved for an art museum. Mr. Noble can Art Galleries, Dec. 10-26. From sold the city a few pictures which are there it will go to Buffalo, where it will poses to induce American artists in Jan. 2-26, inclusive; then to the Toledo Paris to combine in giving an exhibi- Museum of Art, from Feb. 1-16, inclusive; then to the Art Institute of Chicago, from Feb. 22 to Mar. 16, inclusive; then to the Boston Museum, Mar. 24-Apr. 21, inclusive.

Mr. Gade, the director of the exhibition, has recently returned from a twomonths' trip to Scandinavia, where he went in company with Mr. Christian Brinton, to complete arrangements on the other side. Largely through the friendly offices of their excellencies, the three ministers of Denmark, Norway and Sweden in Washington, he was able to do so most successfully.

The foreign ministries of the three countries gave friendly advice and as-sistance. Their Majesties King Christian X of Denmark, King Gustav of Sweden and King Haakon of Norway all spoke appreciatively of the undertaking and graciously promised to act as honorary patrons of the sections devoted to the art of their respective countries.

"Representative artists in the three countries have greeted the plans with enthusiasm, and it is assured that the exhibition will be thoroughly characteristic of Scandinavian art in all the phases of its modern development. Such men as Hammershoj, Ring, Wilhelmsen, Viggo Johanssen, Zorn, Carl Larssen, Fjasted, Hesselborn, Krogh, Gerhard Munthe, Werenskjold, Eilif Petersen, as well as many other famous artists, have all promised to send their

In the difficult matter of selecting the paintings, Mr. Gade has had the aid of Director Karl Madsen of the National Gallery in Copenhagen, of the brothers Karl and Thorstein Laurin in Stockholm, and of Director John Thiis of the National Gallery in Christiania, and the society is much indebted to these men for giving unstintedly of their influence and their valuable time to aid our project. Where the paintings desired belonged to private collectors, the owners have been equally generous in offering the loan of their treasures. The press in Scandinavia has been very cordial in its praise of this first great undertaking of the American-Scandinavian Society.

"Mr. Christian Brinton will remain for several months in Scandinavia to study the art of the three countries with a view to writing a catalogue that shall not be a mere enumeration of the were shown in Mr. Dabo's exhibition at the Folsom Galleries last Spring. to this country and act as monteur. Mr. V. Jastrau in Copenhagen and Mr. Percy Tottie in Stockholm will take A new organization, "The Painters charge of the shipment and collection of the Far West," was recently formed of the paintings in their respective countries.

"The exhibition, inaugurated under of the utmost value as an educational can art lovers of the progress of mod-

Miss Grace Gassette, the painter and eral months, is expected to return beeach member to contribute two can-fore the end of this month to Paris.

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The American Art News will, as usual, during the summer, appear MONTHLY until Saturday, October 12, when the weekly issues will be

The remaining summer MONTHLY issue will be published on Saturday September 14.

WILL ART TARIFF RETURN?

The American art world, it is to be believed, has not noted the significance of the Democratic party next November, in a matter of vital importance to

Mr. Raymond Wyer as director.

Among the pictures included in the whether Mr. Morgan will bring this the people of the time. We of today are its interests—namely, the chance, with permanent collection are many from the Democratic party's taking charge brush of noted artists both in America mit it to be exhibited in the Metropolithe Democratic party's taking charge and Europe:

largely on the tariff issue, and there will be, in case of Democratic success, an almost certain sweeping reduction and revision of the present tariff. The tariff on the necessities of life, is, in this event, sure to be greatly reduced, if not abolished, and then will come, as not abolished, and then will come, as not abolished, a demand for a replacing of the notes of Democratic success, an almost certain sweeping reduction and revision of the present tariff. The tariff on the necessities of life, is, in this event, sure to be greatly reduced, if not abolished, and then will come, as not oppose as rivals modern and not abolished, and then will come, as not oppose as rivals modern and not abolished, and then will come, as not oppose as rivals modern and not abolished, and then will come, as not oppose as rivals modern and sentiment, which proves it was not oppose as rivals modern and sentiment, which proves it was not oppose as rivals modern and sentiment, which proves it was not oppose as rivals modern and sentiment, which proves it was not oppose as rivals modern and sentiment, which proves it was not oppose as rivals modern and sentiment, which proves it was not oppose as rivals modern and sentiment, which proves it was not oppose as rivals modern and sentiment, which proves it was not oppose as rivals modern and sentiment, which proves it was not oppose as rivals modern and sentiment, which proves it was not oppose as rivals modern and sentiment, which proves it was not oppose as rivals modern and sentiment, which proves it was not oppose as rivals modern and sentiment and the mutation of the mut

AMERICAN ART NEWS. duty on articles of luxury and tobacco, wines, etc. The demand for the replacing, or raising of such duties, will come from the elements in the Democratic party who do not wish the wealthy favored, and whose well remembered cry is that "Art is a luxury of the rich and should be taxed."

> It is of course possible that if the art tariff is again levied that a uniform duty of 10% on all pictures may be agreed upon, with a duty of some 40% on antiques, as against the old 60% rate, Democratic success at the polls, an art

> If this occurs, will our Boston friends of the American Free Art League, who are responsible for the present absurd Twenty year provision as to pictureson all pictures of more than \$700 in value, 10% or the old 15% on those less than 700 in value, and the works of all dead artists free, would not have been better, and could have prevented the now threatened restoration of the art duty? This plan, could it have been carried out would have given the country virtually free art and would have prevented the replacing of the old duty.

CASSEL AN ART COLLECTOR.

Sir Ernest Cassell has purchased the Darnley Van Dyck, which represents Lords John and Bernard Stuart, and ranks as one of the finest achievements of the master's English period.

THINK A DA VINCI IS FOUND.

A special cable to "The N. Y. Sun says: "While ransacking the cellars of the municipal hall at Bourges recently, workmen found an oil painting on wood attributed to Da Vinci, of Charles Amboise, Duke of Chamont, who was Governor of Milan in 1511."

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

the Metropolitan Museum announced he sold the bulk of them, consisting of the acquisition of the paneling, mantelpieces, wood work and interior fittings of two American rooms of the late Georgian or-so-called-Colonial period. They were designed, it is believed, tion, small portraits by Van Dyck, by the Salem architect, Samuel McIntire, and are to be used to display the Bolles collection of American furniture it was understood, for an American. presented to the Museum in 1909 by Mrs. Russell Sage.

NEW WESTERN MUSEUM.

Another instance of the development of art in the West is the recent dedicaof the possible, and as it is generally tion of a new museum, The Hackley thought the probable, return to power Art Gallery, at Muskegon, Mich., with There is much speculation by connois-

of the Government, of the restoration of the former tariff on art, partly done away with three years ago.

Governor Wilson's election, if it is consummated, will be so consummated largely on the tariff issue, and there will be, in case of Democratic success, and there will be, in case of Democratic success, and there will be defined and Europe:

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"In the Serf," by Israels: "Hamlet in Picardy." by Corot: "Meditation," by Boundary as Bonheur; a landscape by Jose Weiss: "End of the present, an intense struggle ent, it will remain in one of his private coilections.

At the Kleinberger Galleries, 9 Rue de l'Echelle, there are now several pictures of unusual character and quality, by Kever; "The Lovers," by Adolph Artz; Landscape by Bock, and "The Return from Work," by Blommers.

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HERE AND THERE.

recently bought two portraits by Raeburn for \$55,000.

Mr. John G. Johnson, accompanied

The story that the National Gallery Trustees had refused to accept eighty pictures by eminent living British artists offered to them by Mr. Edmund but in any event, there will come with Davis is denied by Mr. Davis and by Sir Charles Holroyd. Mr. Davis says: I only offered one picture to the Tate Gallery which they have refused. My collection of eighty pictures, fine examples of the work of James Pryde, William Orpen, William Nicholson, Philpott, Charles Ricketts, Glvn recognize that our contention three Charles Shannon, Philip Connard, and years ago, for a specific duty of \$100 others, was offered to the French Government on condition that a special new room should be built for them. The Luxembourg authorities have accepted fifteen of these.'

> Several paintings have been sold for the annual summer exhibition at Poland Springs, Me. Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hayward, of Uxbridge, Mass., purchased "The Hill-top," by Wm. J. Kaula, and "Coming from Pasture," Chas. P. Gruppe. Mrs. Garret A. Hobart purchased "Poetry and Thought," by Isadore Konti.

Mr. P. A. B. Widener, it is announced, will erect a million-dollar library building for Harvard University to house the collection of rare and valuable books left to the University by building will be known as the Harry Elkins Widener Memorial Library.

sale and almost inevitable transfer to Fragonard. America of the celebrated collection formed by the late Baron Oppenheim.

The Baron began the depletion of At its monthly press view, Aug. 14, his treasures five or six years ago, when antiques, to Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan.

Shortly before the Baron's death, a few months ago, he disposed of the three principal pictures of his collec-Memling, and Dirck Bouts, to a Paris dealer, for \$50,000. They were bought,

Word has been received from London that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has purchased from Seligmann & Co. the jasper drageoir, by Benvenuto Cellini these audacities within us. 1500-1572), bought by that firm at the Baron de Rothschild sale for \$200,000. tan Museum, or whether, for the pres-

painted "con amore." Next in impor-The AMERICAN ART NEWS hears on tance to the Rubens is the really wongood authority that Mr. J. B. Duke has derful bust-portrait of a man by Nicolas Maes, from the recent Dollfus sale, so rich in quality and fine in expression as to closely approach Rembrandt. This portrait is, of course, of by Dr. Wilhelm Valentiner, are tour- the painter's early period. There is ing Europe and visiting the principal also in the gallery the exceedingly fine, large Murillo, "St. John and the Infant Christ," from the Maurice Kann Collection, and which figured in past centuries in the famous collections of Prince Conti and King Louis-Philipe. A life-size, three-quarter-length portrait of the artist's wife by Gabriel Metsu is also so strong and beautiful in color and expression as to rank with the three great pictures already noted. In the primitives the gallery is especially rich this season: There is a delicious and typical example of "The Master of the Half-Figure," of extraordinary beauty, a large and rare example of the little known "Master of the Holy Kinship," a splendid portrait by Hans Balding Grun, and a portrait of himself by Hans Burkmaier, dated 1501, also a rare example. A tryptique by Antonio Moro, composed of family portraits, a mother with two daughters and the father with three sons, is typically interesting and quaint, and there is a delightful, half-length bust portrait of himself by Thomas Ring, fine in expression and with beautifully painted details. A most numerous "Village Doctor," by Jan Steen, by Jan Steen, completes this only partial list of fine pictures now in the galleries.

DOUCET ON MODERN ART.

M. Doucet, who sold his art collecions at auction recently for \$3,054,581 and has since then started the Harry Elkins Widener, who lost his nucleus of another collection, this of life when the "Titanic" sank. The modern art. He had for years devoted modern art. He had for years devoted himself to the 18th century, but in the last few weeks he has been buying Cezannes, Degases and Monets to A fresh panic has broken out in hang on the walls lately decorated with German art circles over the prospective the works of La Tour, Chardin and

> Following is an interesting interview with M. Doucet on the art of today:

"Decorative art is something that interests me greatly," said he. "It has been ests me greatly," said he. "It has been much discussed recently. Perhaps you are one of those who lament the fact that our epoch has no definite 'style.' Console your-If anything, our artists are in error self. in seeking to 'ceate' style. * * *
"We interfered with the natural and har-

monious development of form. When the East, especially Japan, sent us new decorative elements, we would receive them only in confusion—the confusion out of which grew our so-called modern style. * * * In regard to modern art, M. Doucet spoke

optimistically.
"Fine work," said he, "is being donework that will endure, work that is expres sive of our manners and our minds. see many audacious examples; but carry We should not be astonished at them any more than at the

men we are ourselves

something of desperation in all the effort of art of the present, an intense struggle

LONDON LETTER.

London, August 7, 1912. The announcement that the famous collection of old English Pottery, Slipolon, is to be disposed of next Octoer at the Auction-Rooms of Messrs harles Butters & Sons, of Trinity his bidding for the Flemish panel of Buildings, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, has tapestry of the same era, bought by Mr. heen received with more than usual nterest by those who have made a tudy of the ware in which he special- cheerfully paid 7,800 gns. Many other sed. The finest pieces in this really sensational prices were given for bronremarkable collection were acquired in zes and old glass during the course of the Pottery district, and many are ab- the sale. solutely unique specimens of the art of the potter. All the pieces illustrated in Mr. Solon's valuable work, "The Art of the Old English Potter," will be included in the sale; these practically form a historical survey of the Staffordshire output from the earliest period onwards. Mr. Solon's work, actually carried on among the Staffordshire potteries, has given him an insight into the actual workings of the craft which renders all that he has written on the subject, of great value to the collector; his original compositions on Minton porcelain have likewise earned him well merited eulogy in his capacity of artist as well as in his roles of artist and col- eral thousands of pounds. Mr. Athellector.

Exhibitions.

An exhibition of especial interest is Galleries, 160 New Bond Street, W., drawings in Black and White evince an extraordinary mastery of line and in spite of the obvious influence which Aubrey Beardsley and his school have wielded both on the mentality and the methods of the Dane, one finds, notwithstanding, an undeniable originality on all that bears his signature. There is a curious combination of strength with delicacy in these imaginative illustrations, particularly in those don. designed for "The Book of Death", which in their emotional intensity come Eastern and elaborately decorative are the drawings for "The Thousand Nights numbers bearing eloquent testimony to and One Night", designs which make the esteem in which he had been held. one feel that there is a great future in trator, a profession which has too few ing Chopin's Funeral March. The officapable exponents in the present day. ciating clergy were the Dean of St. own personality a meaning slightly ad- Canon S. A. Alexander, Canon J. G. never absent from his work.

Some fine work in color-printing (minor Canons). from the engraved plate has been The pall-bearers being the presidents shades. There are some exquisite pordone by Messrs. Drake, of 27 Lead- of the Royal societies associated with traits of children by Lebasque; a curienhall Street, E. C., in connection with art. They were: the vigorous Hunting picture of Mr. Harold S. Power, entitled "The Tufters of the Devon & Somerset Staghounds." The painting is full of life and movement and is instinct with that feeling for nature which is so characteristic of the artist's work. He is distinctly the sportsman's painter and has a real gensportsman's painter and has a real gensportsman and has a r ius for embodying in paint the inspira-tion of the hunting field. The artist's proofs of the picture mentioned are a proofs of the Royal Society of Painter Etchers. most successful piece of work, giving full impression of the strength and vitality of the original. Essentially English in feeling, Mr. Power seems to embody in his work the very spirit of or himself as one of the most successful nimal painters of the present day.

Taylor Sale Echo.

the leading dealers here entering into Lord Mayor.

the bidding for the various works of art. As much as 6,600 gns, was given by Messrs Duveen for a fine enamel diptych of Italian work of the 15th are and Salt-Glaze, belonging to Mr. century, Mr. Seligmann running them very close in pursuit of the treasure. The latter, however, yielded to none in Taylor at the Spitzer sale in 1893 for £2,800. For this Mr. Seligmann

That Peacock God.

The British Museum has lately become the richer for the gift, through the National Art Collections Fund of a sacred emblem of the Yezidis, in the shape of the peacock-god wrought in steel. This was presented to the naion by Imre Schwaiger, the well-known dealer in antiques in Delhi, who is thus commemorating the occasion of the Durbar and the visit of the Queen to his galleries last year. The bird, which symbolises the redeemed Devil, stands two feet high and has its tail out-spread the figure of a veiled man appearing in its centre. The gift is valued at sevstan Riley, however, who has travelled extensively in the district from which the Peacock God is stated to have emanthat now being held at the Dowdeswell ated, maintains that it is not one of the sacred birds but merely a Persian peacock ornament of the usual type and tist, Kay Nielsen, is on view. His puts its market value at £10, and its age at about 200 years. True no doubt to the maxim about it being undesirable to "look a gift-horse in the mouth," the trustees of the fund, offer no opinion on the subject.

FUNERAL OF ALMA-TADEMA.

With simple dignity the remains of Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema were laid at rest, July 5, at St. Paul's, Lon-

Beneath the dome, in front of the chancel, a catafalque had been placed, by Baudoin, representing a nude very near to realising the portentous and all around seats were reserved for woman, is beautiful; the Maufra is nature of the subject. Appropriately the dead artist's immediate friends, who with others were present in large The arrival of the body was proclaimed store for Mr. Nielsen as a book illus-by the Cathedral choristers by render-If occasionally the artist gives from his Paul's, the Archdeacon of St. Paul's, ditional to that originally intended, the Simpson, the Rev. N. M. Morgan transgression is one readily forgivable Brown (Sub-Dean), and the Rev. for the sake of the interest which is W. P. Besley, the Rev. S. J. Childs

ices were members of the nobility, Manet, so much admired in London, Fisher, who bought many fine things members of the Council of the Royal when at the Grafton Galleries and an-during a short stay. Mr. Ralston, who Academy, Royal Academicians and other lovely study of the nude by Man-Associates, the Bishop of Peterbor- zana; "A garden", by F. Jourdain, full bad, the active Mr. Scott who races beerves the position which he has earned ough (chaplain to the Royal Acad- of old-word charm; a Marquet very tween Paris and London in search of emy), Baron Gericke von Herwynen clear and of pure lines; a Gagliardini gems, the brothers Ehrich, who nobly As was of course expected the sale Edsall (representing the Artists' Beof the Taylor collection at Christie's nevolent Fund), and representatives of
cesulted in some high prices, most of the King, Queen Alexandra and the
ton, the Puy and the Dufresnoy? Among the others, Detaille is always

PARIS LETTER.

Paris, August 7, 1912.

At this time of the year a great art exhibition comes rather as a surprise; however, as the Salons and their numerous bad pictures are no more on view to the public, it is perhaps useful to how to foreigners (the only inhabitants of Paris during the summer) the the Pavillon du Jeu de Paume, in the Tuileries Gardens.

The "Triennale" is, as shown by the name, an exhibition which is to take lace every three years; it assembles in a rather heteroclite fashion the artists of the Société Nationale, the Artistes Français, the salon d'Automne, and the Indepedents. This selection is decidedly interesting; it does away to a certain extent with the "daubs" though the Cormon, the Humbert and the Aimé Moreau are not worthy of

much praise. Starting with the favorites of the day, the most advanced nainters, towards whom the general feeling turns at present, "The Winter of Chigot" makes one tremble with cold; d'Esagnat is natural and very decorative in his technique; by Jagneau there are several canvases, scenes of interiors rather dark, close to a landscape, where one can feel the wind blow, the two Salomes," the one red, the other yellow, by Marcel Berronneau, of which the yellow is the more real, are closer to the modern ideal of the dancing girl of Strauss and of Wilde than the Moroccan girl of Regnault that some people were so anxious to pass on to the Louvre. "A country house" by Vuillard is full of atmosphere. A Indian Besnard is uninteresting. A Desvallieres is decorative but loud; the Manguin is louder and weak; Alfred Smith shows a picture recalling Earl's Court or the White City more than the Venice that one imagines he has attempted to paint. The fresco on fibro-ciment

powerful. A landscape by Boggio is a little confused, but beautiful in coloring. Two pictures of cats by Steinleria are full of feline spirit.

"The woman under the trees" by Laprade shows good color contrasts; the great decorative piece by Roussel is of charming delicacy and harmony. Mathis gives strong outlines, but the Anglo-American public do not like, or, at least, understand him, as was proved by the Post-Impressionist exhibition in London; it should also be remarked Clarke and the Rev. A. H. Streeten that this artist returns to his first manner, having given up his tiring flat ous face by Dufau, "The Marine" by Sir Edward J. Poynter, President of the Carrera, is a blaze of glorious color;

Detaille, J. Avy is clever, Andre Dauchez yellow, Aman Jean pale.

There is a violet-hued nude by Renoir, recalling Greuze, which is happily placed in a position to make one forget the Cormon next to it, a canvas which represents a lot of word with little result. Simon has powerful views of Brittany; Bourgault is strong but mudagglomeration of chosen pieces, mixed lin gives a young man too naked and too beautiful; the scenes in the Palais de Justice by Forain are better; there is an expressive portrait of Theordore Reinach by Ernest Laurent; also some flowers by Jacques Blanche painted with elegance; but the best work in the exhibition is certainly the magnificent Corot, with its incomparable delicacy, clearness of view and its light effects.

Mention must be made, too, of the Ciaude Monet, principally his winter landscape, in which he reveals his wonderful talent of color.

The Dechenaud is strongly built; a La Touche is pretty; Maurice Chabas has some agreeable pictures; there are some by Henri Martin delightfully full of color; some sad but clever one by Sabatte. The Puvis de Chavannes is a work of youth; the crowned Virgin ov Ingres is not pleasing. Not can the other sections where Guillaumin, Redon, Berton and Prinet are missing, be called complete.

As for the sculpture Rodin is badly represented. All the Boucher figures are good. Bouchard is a great artist. Dampte is consciencious. Bourdelle and Despieu are sincere. There is also Maurice Besnard, Landowski, Fernand David, and Marque. But where are Mayolle, Nicklausse and Dejean?

There are some good "ceramists," at the head of whom are Moreau Nelatton. Lenoble, Methey, Delaherche-but would it not have been wiser to invite Mezzara, Meré, to join in this exhibi-And amongst the engravers would not Lepére, Collin, Naudin and Be!trand have figured with honor by the side of the splendid artists Bracquemond and Ouvre, whose works one is enabled to admire?

Art Mussulman.

The exhibits of Mohammedan art shown at the Barbazanges Gallery was one of the greatest successes of the vanishing season. It was organized by the Persian Art Gallery from London and among items of great interest I must mention especially a XIIth century dish with metallic shrine, worthy of the finest examples and valued by experts at over \$30,000. I also remarked the fine manuscript by Boustan de Saidi, richly ornamented with miniature dating from the XIIth. century; a grand drawing by Behzad, another dating as far back as the XIVth. century and representing a philosopher.

-spots, seemingly placed carelessly the Kleinbergers, the Knoedlers, the but in reality forming a whole, cleverly and truly studied. Then comes that beautiful work, "Les Baigneuses," by Reinhardts, the Seligmanns, the Tooths, the Duveens, who have all got business places here, but also Mr. Victor G. (the Dutch Minister), Mr. Percy with agreeable colors; a big group very continue their father's scientific system, Thomas (Hon. Curator of the Royal cleverly executed by Caro-Delvaille; Dr. Valentiner, who buys for friends. Society of Painter Etchers), Mr. Percy a synthetical Toulouse-Lautrec; a pow- And soon all the pictures and art works R. R. M. SEE.

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WASN'T THE GIACONDA

Mr. Harold Rathbone, an Englishman, paid \$520 at Christie's, in London, terest and to raise the value of the treasthought might be the lost "Giaconda." Convinced by further study of the quired the price of the room. work, notwithstanding faulty drawing chased for the sum of £4,500. of the hands, that he had secured the original masterpiece, he took it to the an attempt had been made to buy from the British Embassy in Paris Aug. 1 and brewery company the despoiled inn, but the price demanded by the company for the asked to have the old panel submitted inn, even without the room, was such as to the Louvre for verification. This to render further negotiation impossible. was done and the Louvre "experts" de- "Lord C. now intervened, saw Mr. Lenywas done and the Louvre "experts" decided it was an excellent copy, dating probably from 1825. Mr. Rathbone, however, is convinced that fortune has

LONDON DEALER ATTACKED.

A decided sensation has been caused rests. signed by Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox and Lord Curzon of Kedleston, published in the "London Times' of Aug. 1, virtually accusing the wellknown art house of Lenygon, which has recently established a branch house in New York, of sharp practice and bad faith in the matter of the procurement by that firm of an option on the famous Globe room in the Reindeer Inn at Banbury, then later purchase of the same, and then reputed sale of

The letter of Lady Gordon-Lennox and Lord Curzon begins as follows: Editor of the Times:

"Sir-An increasing interest is felt, or is at least affected, in the preservation in our own country of the structures and me-morials which recall to us the life of the past and are in truth a part of the history of England. From time to time the that, as occas report is spread that such and such a relic our example." has been sold by its owners for pecuniary Sometimes it is alleged to have been acquired by a London dealer, at others by an American Millionaire (the latter is the more familiar bogeyman); a brief tornado of expostulation and rage sweeping through the newspapers; the price of the object, to the great delight of the middleman, is forced up 100 per cent., 200 per cent, or more by these tactics; the artistic or antiquarian societies constituted for the preservation of such things are, as a rule, either too late in the field or too impoverished to effect the rescue; the public excitement dies down as quickly as it flared up; the dealer gets the price or the mil-lionaire abstracts the trophy, and a contented apathy settles down upon the public until the next outrage raises another storm equally ephemeral and equally fu-

The letter proceeds to relate the wellremembered story of Tattershall Castle, which it states "was, with its contents, only recovered for the Nation by a combination of circumstances, not likely to re-The Banbury "Globe Room"-that beautiful specimen of untouched and un-spoiled Jacobean work," say the titled correspondents of "The Times," was originally purchased for some £3,000 by the Hook Norton Brewery Company, and Lenyyon two years ago "alleged as usual to be acting for a rich American" secured an option on the famous relic.

"Then," says the letter, "a 'Lady L,' was designated 'by one of us in the neighborhood,' to negotiate with the Brewery Co. for the purchase of the entire premises, and an assurance was received from said company that word would be given if it definitely decided to sell.

ents, "when it transpired last month, that the room had been sold to Lenygon for probably not over £1,000 and that Lenygon

was engaged in dismantling it."
"'Lady L.' at once saw Mr. Lenygon
'who professed himself most anxious to see the room restored to Banbury, and gave an assurance that although the panelling had arrived in London, he would defer the removal of the ceiling, and would further let her know next day what would be the moderate profit he was prepared to accept on his own transaction.

"On the following morning Lady L. heard that Mr. Lenygon had gone to Banbury, where the demolition of the room was being pushed forward with all speed. The next stage was the re-erection of the room in 358 Fifth Ave. will reopen Sept. 16. Messrs, Lenygon's premises in Old Burlington St., London, the issue of cards of invitation to see the unhappy trophy and a cataract of well-planned advertisement in Victor G. Fischer has purchased sevpurchasers, and the inevitable American millionaire, all calculated to excite public in-Lenygon of his previous assurance, and in-

"Meanwhile, it may be mentioned that

gon, who appeared to be amenable to argugiven him the famous lost masterpiece.

engagement was not kept, but information and attractive collection of modern came to Lord C. that the room had been sold in the interval, although Mr. Lenygon American and foreign pictures.

declined to give the name of the purchaser. "There," concludes the letter, "the matter There," concludes the letter, the There," concludes the letter, the State of the Room has passed unknown but publicin English art circles by a letter jointly into the hands of some unknown but public-signed by Lady Algernon Gordon-spirited benefactor, acting in the interests the public, or whether it has been made the subject of an arrangement designed to extricate those who are involved from an uncomfortable position, or whether it has entered upon one more phase of its career of unabasned profit-hunting, or whether it fated to disappear from our shores and to turn up in a transatlantic mansion or a ontinental museum, we have no means of scertaining

"We call attention to the matter, however, to show what are the proceedings, at Banbury as at Tatter hall, with which those who would fain save the antiquities of our country from vandal hands have to cope and how rapacious are the instincts which will tear out panelling and mantelpieces from their ancient surroundings in order to make a dealer's profit out of what should be a nation's glory.

"Until Parliament accept such legislation as will render these outrages impossible we know of no alternative but to expose the methods by which they are only too successfully perpetrated, and we trust that, as occasion occurs, others will follow

Mr. H. Lenygon writes to "The Times" in reply to Lady Gordon-Lennox's and Lord Curzon's charges and criticisms, what seems to be a very weak and inadequate letter. He says, in substance, that he begged the South Kensington Museum in 1909, to purchase the room, which that Institution failed to do from lack of funds; next tried to induce several Englishmen to purchase and present it to the South Kensington, tried to effect its sale through Sir Purdon-Clarke to the Metropolitan Museum, and that after these attempts and, although it was publicly known the room was for sale, and both Lady Lennox and Lord Curzon were approached on the subject, neither did anything until notoriety was caused by his purchase of the room, Mr. Lenygon concludes his lame letter as fol-

"I am as anxious as Lord Curzon for the preservation of historic buildings, but venture to point out that this object would be much more forwarded by endeavoring to purchase them quietly when it is known they are to be sold than by sensational displays, as was the case with the Tattershall mantelpieces. It is such excitements which naturally tend, as he says, to force up prices 100 per cent., 200 per cent.

WITH THE DEALERS.

Mr. Arnold Seligmann has recently been made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

Mr. Louis Ralston, who has been very ill, has gone to Carlsbad to take the cure.

Mr. Allan Tooth was recently mar-

Mr. Theron J. Blakeslee, accompanied by Mrs. Blakeslee, arrived from London recently, and are at their country place at Lake Waramang, Conn. Mr. Blakeslee while in London made several notable purchases, including an important Van Dyck. The galleries at 358 Fifth Ave. will reopen Sept. 16.

Word comes from Paris that Mr. eral important paintings. The galleries at 467 Fifth Ave. are closed for the month of August, but will reopen

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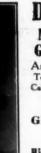
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(Special to "Art News.") An exhibition of specially selected "Old Masters" which opened July 20 in the beautiful galleries of Frederik Muller & Co. in this city, to continue until Oct. 1, is deservedly attracting the attention of collectors and connoisseurs from all Europe, and is also a magnet for American art lovers abroad -and is well worth a special trip to Amsterdam-to inspect and study.

The well-known art house of F. Muller & Co., through its position and influence, has been able to assemble a number of old masters of exceptional beauty and quality, and most repre-sentative in every instance of famous

old painters. Perhaps the most interesting, as they are certainly the most quaint and curious works shown, are the seven Flemish Primitives by Goswin von der weyden from the Belgian Abbey of By Thomas de Keyseh.

Tangerloo, of exceptional strength and In Special Exhibition at Frederick Muller color quality-all admirably conserved. These will undoubtedly soon find their home in one of the world's great museums, for they are too valuable examples of the wonderful early Flemish

art to be long unsold. Thomas de Keyser is represented at his best in a superb three-quarter length, standing portrait of Francis van Limborch, from the recent sale of the Carcano collection in Paris, a work whose strength and quality will surprise even the admirers of the painter. Very striking also is a three-quarter length seated portrait of a man by



"THIS IS IN THE KETTLE," By G. Van der Weyden. Von Nemes may send the confection to Special Exhibition at Frederick Muller New York for exhibition next winter. Co.-Amsterdam.



FRANCIS VAN LIMBORCH.

Fedinand Bol-while the typical and beautiful examples of Jan Steen, A. Cuyp, von der Heyden, Paul Potter, Jacob Ruysdael, Van der Neer, W van de Velde (this from the Hope collection), de Gelder, Don, Ochtervelt Woyvermans, Bakhuysen, etc., will all surprise and delight the visitor. A rarely fine and high quality characterizes every work shown.

James B. Townsend.

DUSSELDORF.

Dusseldorf, Aug. 3, 1912. The remarkable private collection of Herr von Nemes of Buda-Pesth, loaned by that collector to the city for exhibition until Oct. 1, in the beautiful Art Gallery-where the 125 pictures are shown, are seen to the best possible advantage, is attracting throngs of American as well as European art lovers. There is, unfortunately, no catalog, but the really exceptionally fine examples of old and modern masters all tell their own story of 621 Madison Avenue genuineness and rarely fine quality. It is difficult to decide which of the no less than 10 Goccos and 7 Goyas, for example, is the best, for all are of the first order.

Very rich and fine also are the Tintorettos, Titians and the examples of the early Dutch, Flemish and English masters-while the moderns are well exemplified by superior Barbizons, a wall of Coubets and typical examples of Monet and his fellows, and of Cezanne and his followers.

The great Rembrandt "Portrait of the Artist's Father," secured for Herr von Nemes by J. Böhler and Sons of Munich, grows in interest at every inspection. There is a report that Herr von Nemes may send the collection to

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